

THE SENATE

Tuesday, April 27, 1971

The Senate met at 8 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers.

CONSTITUTION OF CANADA

SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE—CHANGE IN COMMONS MEMBERSHIP

The Hon. the Speaker informed the Senate that a message had been received from the House of Commons to acquaint the Senate that the name of Mr. Kaplan has been substituted for that of Mr. Osler on the Special Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Commons on the Constitution of Canada.

DOCUMENTS TABLED

Hon. Paul Martin tabled:

Copies of Ordinances, chapters 1 to 15 inclusive, passed by the Council of the Northwest Territories at its 44th Session, February 1971, pursuant to section 15 of the Northwest Territories Act, chapter 331, R.S.C., 1952, as amended 1953-54, together with copy of Order in Council P.C. 1971-669, dated April 6, 1971, approving same. (English text).

Copy of Table of Public Ordinances of the Northwest Territories—1956-1971 (First Session). (English text).

Report of Eldorado Nuclear Limited and its subsidiary, Eldorado Aviation Limited, including their accounts and financial statements certified by the Auditor General, for the year ended December 31, 1970, pursuant to sections 85(3) and 87(3) of the Financial Administration Act, chapter 116, R.S.C., 1952.

Report of the Canadian National Railways for the year ended December 31, 1970, pursuant to section 40 of the Canadian National Railways Act, chapter 29, Statutes of Canada, 1955.

Report of the Canadian National Railways Securities Trust for the year ended December 31, 1970, pursuant to section 17 of the Canadian National Railways Capital Revision Act, chapter 311, R.S.C., 1952.

Report to Parliament of the Auditors on the accounts of the Canadian National Railway System for the year ended December 31, 1970, pursuant to section 40 of the Canadian National Railways Act, chapter 29, Statutes of Canada, 1955.

Copies of financial statement on the operation and maintenance of the Great Slave Lake Railway, constructed by the Canadian National Railway Company under authority of chapter 56, Statutes of Canada, 1960-61, together with a statement showing the net

capital investment as at December 31, 1970, pursuant to section 9 of the said Act.

Report of the Northern Transportation Company Limited, including its accounts and financial statements certified by the Auditor General, for the year ended December 31, 1970, pursuant to sections 85(3) and 87(3) of the Financial Administration Act, chapter 116, R.S.C., 1952.

Copies of text of the Joint Canada-U.S.A. reference to the International Joint Commission respecting Point Roberts.

Copies of second report of the Advisory Group on Executive Compensation in the Public Service, dated January 13, 1971.

Copies of Statement outlining increases in judicial salaries effective January 1, 1972.

CANADA-FINLAND SUPPLEMENTARY INCOME TAX CONVENTION BILL

FIRST READING

Hon. Paul Martin presented Bill S-18, to implement a Supplementary Income Tax Convention between Canada and Finland.

Bill read first time.

Hon. Mr. Martin moved that the bill be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading on Thursday next.

Motion agreed to.

LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS

COMMITTEE AUTHORIZED TO MEET DURING SITTING OF THE SENATE

Hon. Leopold Langlois moved, with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding Rule 45 (1) (a), that the Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs have power to sit while the Senate is sitting tomorrow, Wednesday, April 28, 1971, and that Rule 76(4) be suspended in relation thereto.

Hon. Earl W. Urquhart: Honourable senators, perhaps I might offer a word of explanation. Bill C-218, which is commonly referred to as the "Bail Reform Bill," has been referred to this committee. The Honourable John Turner, the Minister of Justice, has been conducting constitutional discussions with some of the provincial premiers across the country, and will be available tomorrow afternoon to appear before our committee. That is why we are asking leave to sit tomorrow at three o'clock.

Motion agreed to.